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**SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG**
SUPER-FAST HERO



AMY & TAILS
SONIC'S TOUGH
TAG TEAM



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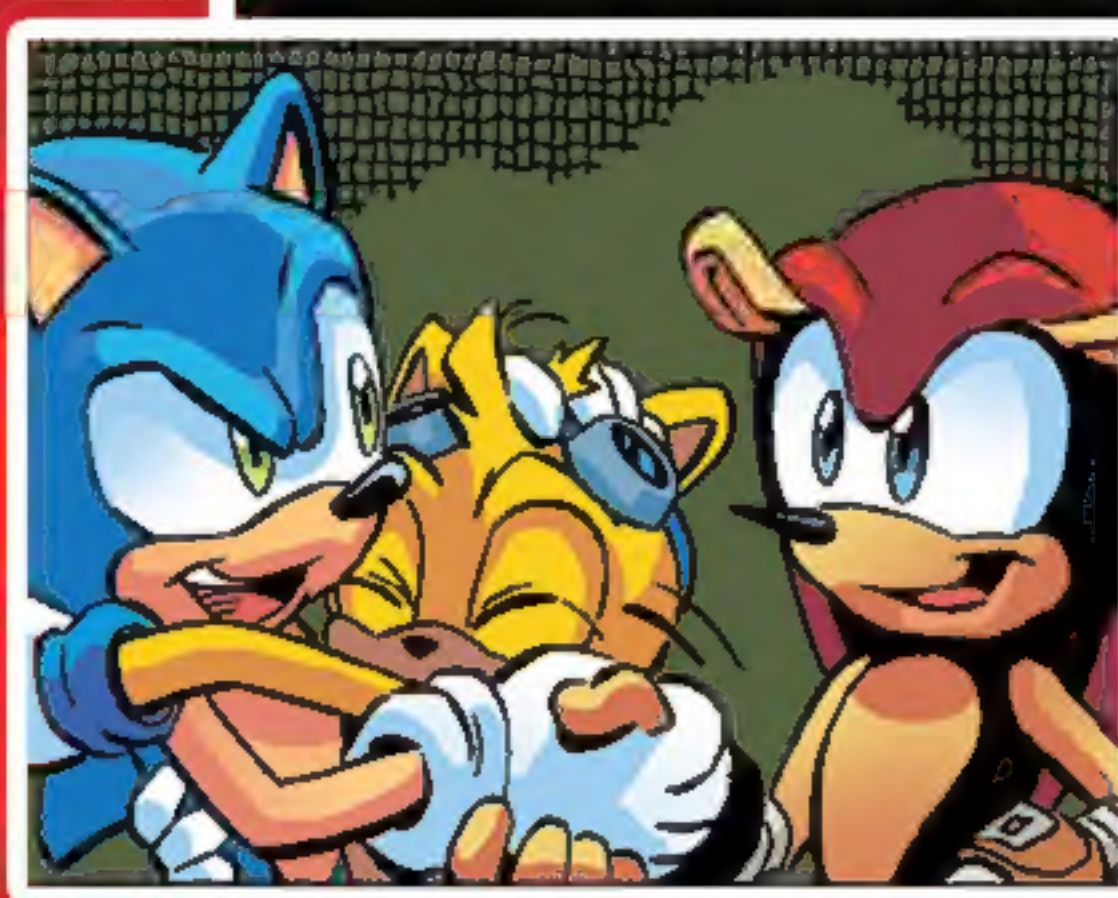
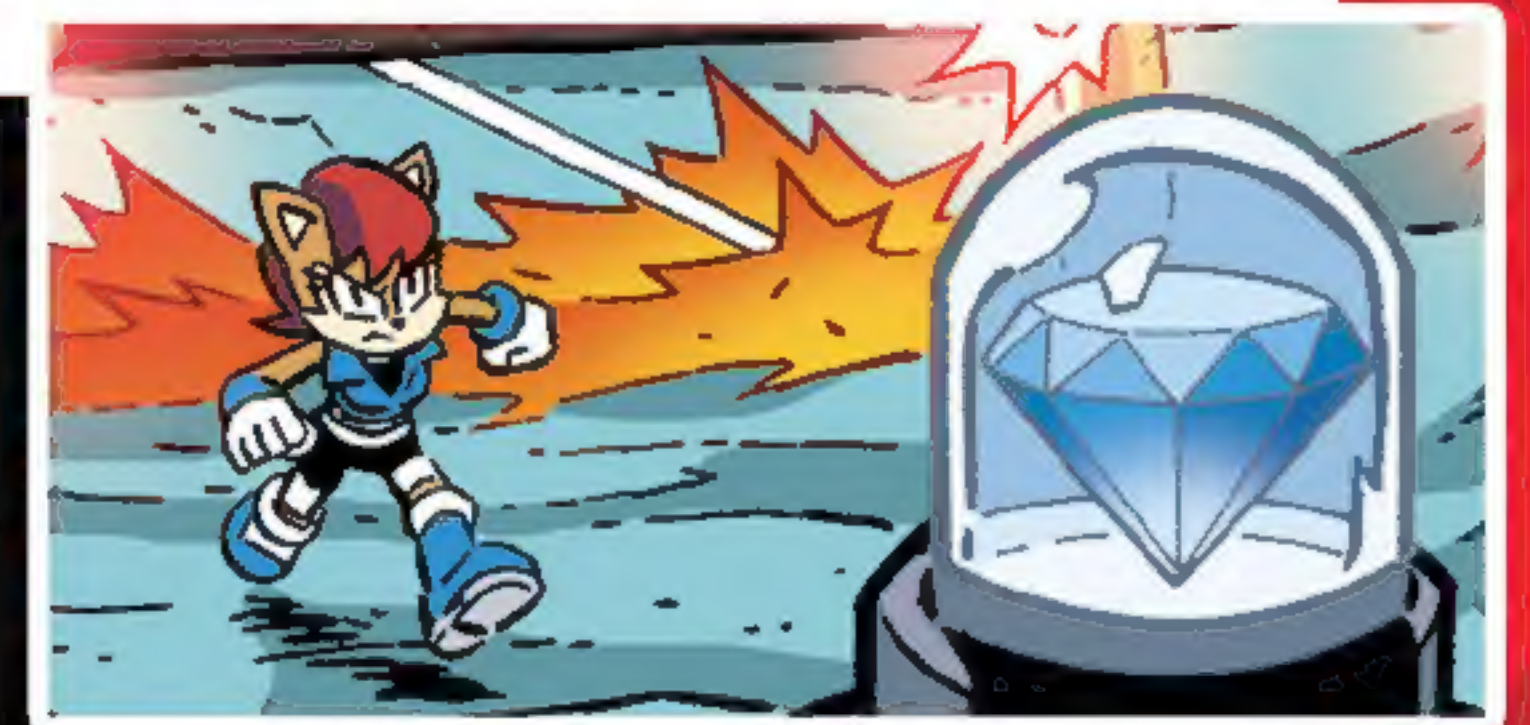
PREVIOUSLY...

GLOBAL GAMBLE

The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! Thanks to Dr. Eggman, the planet has been split into multiple flying pieces. The corrupting essence of Dark Gaia now seeps from the planet's core, forming into monsters every night!

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ZONE, SOUTH
ISLAND. SOME
TIME AGO...

COCONUTS
SUPER SPECIAL
SONIC SEARCH &
SMASH SQUAD

OOH-OOH-
HA-HA-HA! ONCE
YOU'RE GONE,
SONIC, DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S GONNA
GIVE ME A BIG
PRRRROMO-
TION!

GOTTA TIME THIS
JUST RIGHT...

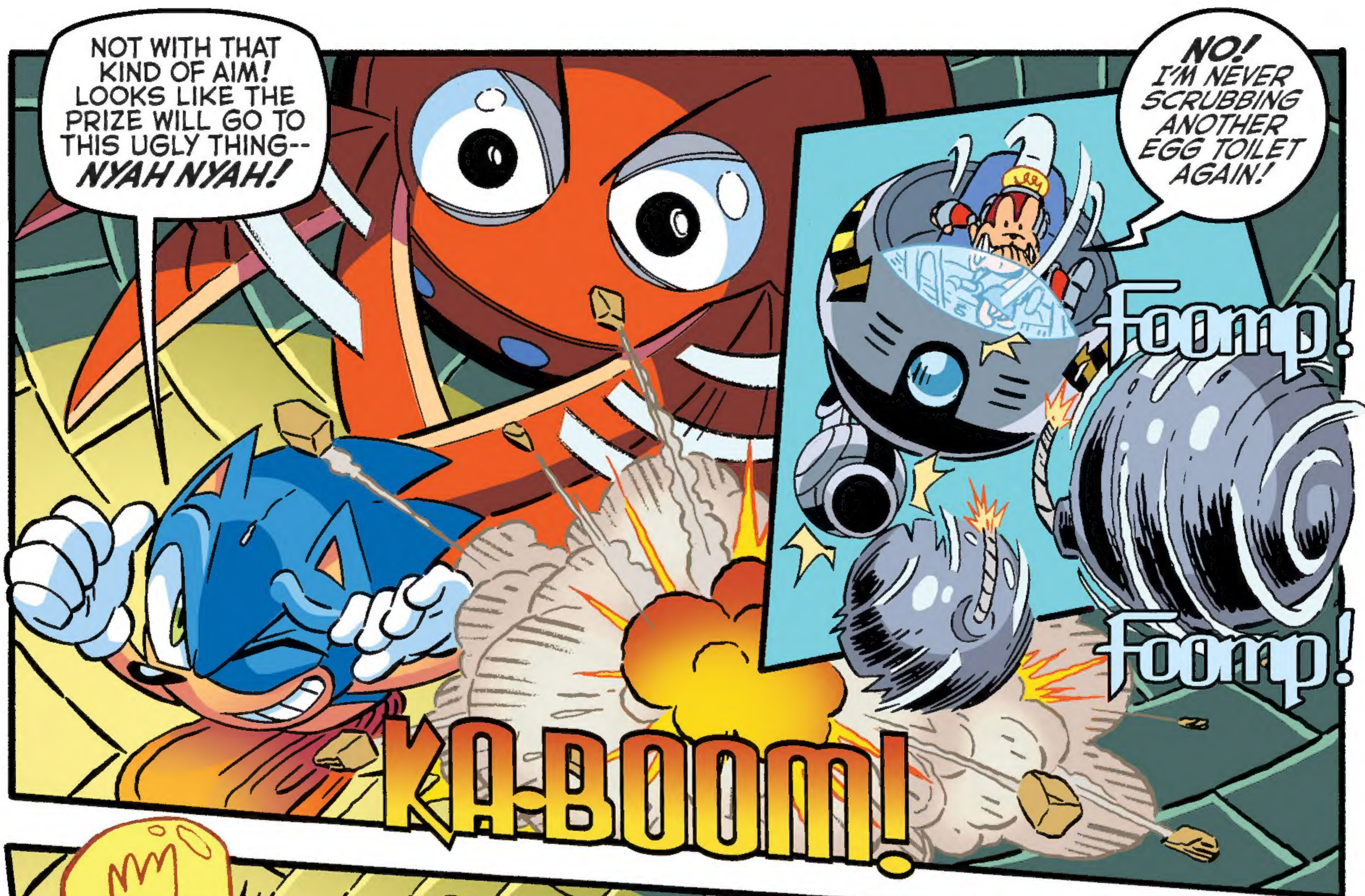
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FASTEST
THING
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FIRST GENERATION
SUPER-BADNIK

CHAMPIONS

PART ONE: THE GANG'S ALL HERE

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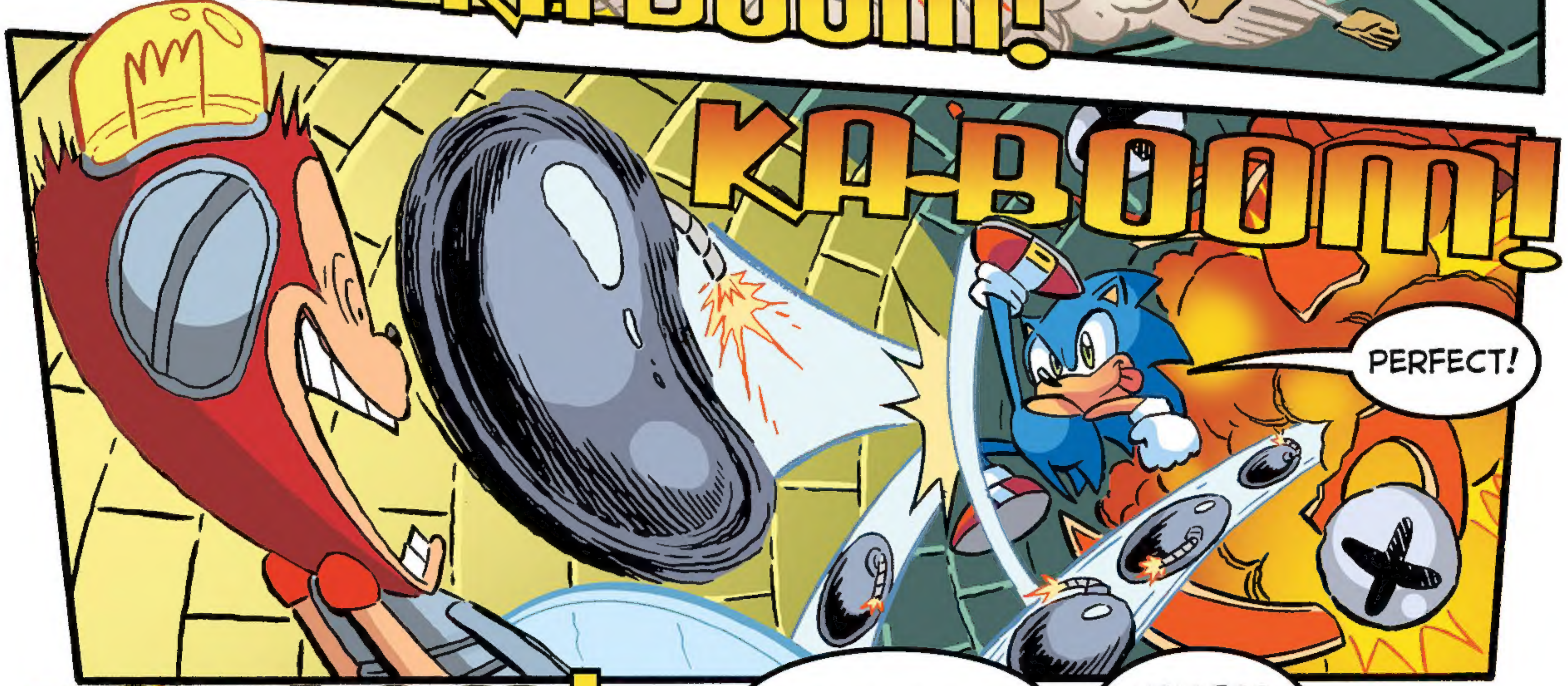


NOT WITH THAT KIND OF AIM! LOOKS LIKE THE PRIZE WILL GO TO THIS UGLY THING--
NYAH NYAH!

NO!
I'M NEVER SCRUBBING ANOTHER EGG TOILET AGAIN!

Foomp!
Foomp!

KA-BOOM!



KA-BOOM!

PERFECT!

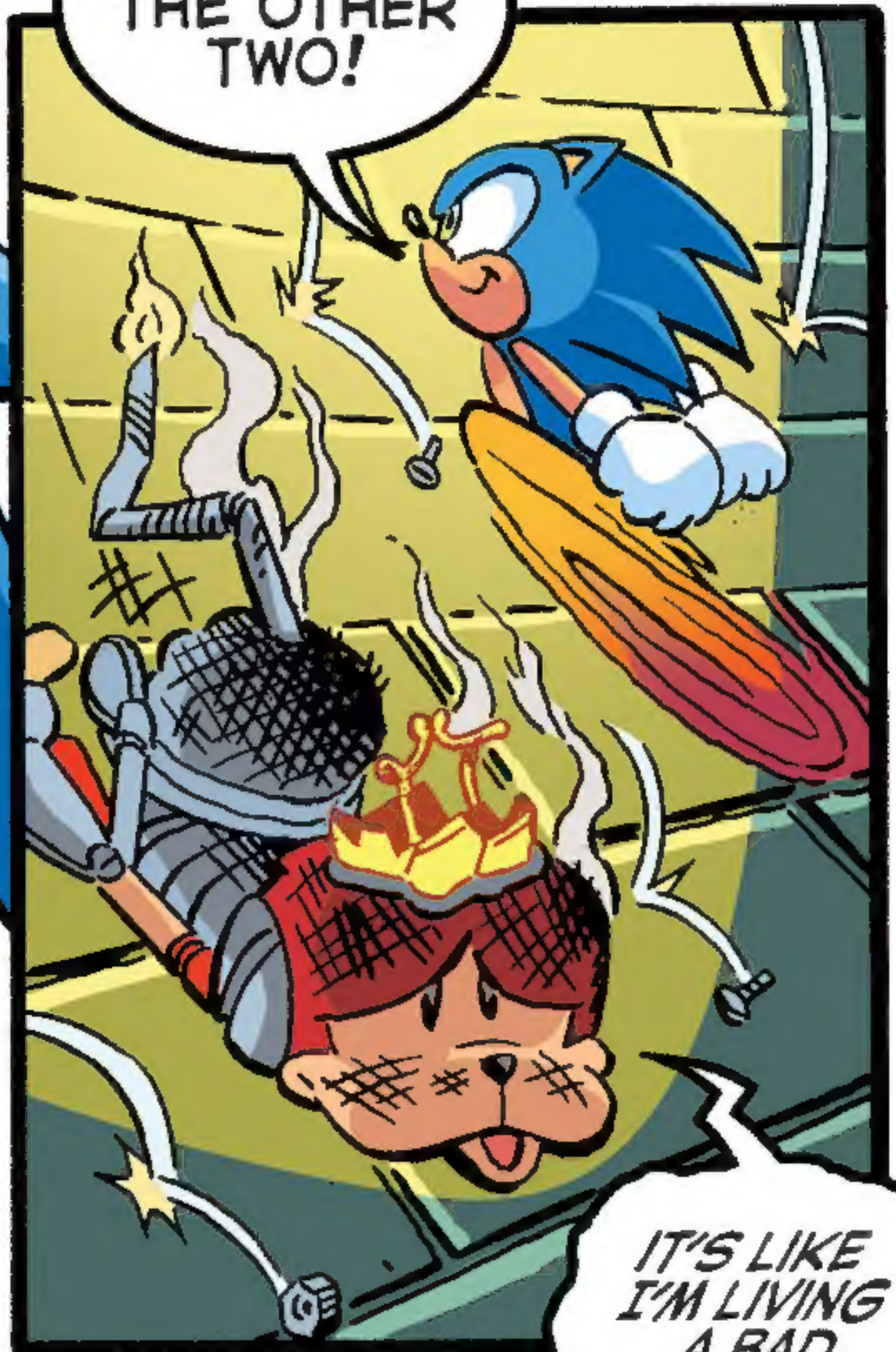
KA-BLAM!

GOOOOOOAL!

NOW FOR THE OTHER TWO!



GYAH!



IT'S LIKE I'M LIVING A BAD COMEDY...

OOH! OOH!
HE'S COMING!
PLACES EVERY-
BODY!

SCRATCH
S6 SQUAD

BWA-HA-
HA-HA-HA!
I KNEW COCO-
NUTS WOULD
BLOW IT!

ALL RIGHT,
THIS IS IT.
DON'T MESS
THIS UP--
OR ELSE!

GRUNDER
SUPER SPECIAL...
Y'KNOW WHAT?
"S6 SQUAD"

I KNOW!
I KNOW! JUST
GOTTA KEEP IT
TOGETHER...

HOLD IT,
HEDGEHOG!
ONE MORE STEP,
AND WE'LL--!

BOP!

CLANG!

PLEASE!
YOU'RE
TOO SLOW
TO EVEN
FINISH
YOUR
THREATS,
NEVER
MIND MAKE
GOOD ON
'EM.

YOU
OKAY,
MISS?

I AM NOW,
THANKS TO
YOU!

EH, ALL
RIGHT.
HANG ON
TIGHT!

COOL.
I GOTTA GO
SAVE MY BEST
BUD FROM A FAT
MANIAC, SO--
SEE YA!

NO! WHAT IF
THESE TERRIFYING
BADNIKS COME
AFTER ME AGAIN?
TAKE ME WITH YOU?
PLEASE?

BREEZIE
DAMSEL IN
DISTRESS...?

SKY PATROL--TODAY.

...AND THAT'S HOW I KNOW THE "LOVELY" MADAM BREEZIE.

GRR...IT *STILL* MAKES ME MAD! SHE WAS WORKING WITH EGGMAN FROM THE BEGINNING!

RELAX-- THIS WAS *LONG* AGO. BESIDES, I HAVEN'T TOLD *EVERYONE* ALL OF MY ADVENTURES...

...ESPECIALLY NOT ONES THAT GO:

AMY ROSE
THE JEALOUS TYPE

AND WHY ARE WE JUST HEARING ABOUT HER *NOW*?

TAILS
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND

"HEY, GUYS! WANNA HEAR ABOUT THE TIME I GOT PLAYED FOR A CHUMP?! DERP!"

I AM THINKING I WOULD ENJOY ZOSE STORIES.

SHUSH! BE NICE.

ANTOINE
SWORDSMAN

BUNNIE
CYBORG

ROTOR
BATTLE-MECHANIC

TIMED
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

COMING SOON TO
CASINO PARK ARENA
THE CHAOS EMERALD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ALL CONTENDERS WELCOME

ANOTHER TIME, PERHAPS.

NICOLE
LIVING A.I.

SALLY
TEAM LEADER

BREEZIE'S COME A LONG WAY FROM BEING A DOUBLE-AGENT. SHE RUNS THE LARGEST ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK IN THE WORLD.

HER NEXT PUBLICITY STUNT IS A FIGHTING TOURNAMENT-- WITH A *CHAOS EMERALD* AS THE PRIZE.

SONIC, TAILS AND AMY WILL BE *TEAM FIGHTERS*. I GOT YOU SPOTS ON THE ROSTER.

COOL!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US!

SAL...AH KNOW WE GOT WHUPPED EARLIER* BUT WE'D LIKE ANOTHER SHOT AT A CHAOS EMERALD, TOO.

*LAST ISSUE.


I TRIED TO GET US *ALL* ON THE ROSTER. BUT THE CUT-OFF FOR REGISTRATION ALREADY PASSED, AND BREEZIE WOULD ONLY CONCEDE TO SONIC, AMY AND TAILS SPECIFICALLY.

ISN'T BREEZIE CONNECTED TO A *LOT* OF SHADY STUFF? WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE THE *WORLD!* WHY DON'T WE JUST *TAKE* THE *EMERALD?*

I *DO* ENJOY THE DIRECT ROUTE...

BECAUSE WE DON'T DO THAT! SHE'S NOT LIKE EGGMAN--IT'D LOOK LIKE WE'D BE STEALING FROM HER!


AGAIN--*SAVING* THE *WORLD!*



AMY'S RIGHT--THE WORLD LOOKS TO US FOR HOPE, NOW MORE THAN EVER. IF WE ACT LIKE WE'RE ABOVE THE LAW, WE'RE ONLY SOWING TROUBLE FOR OURSELVES LATER.



HIRING THE CHAOTIX, PAYING OFF BREEZIE... IS YOUR DAD COOL WITH USING HIS KINGDOM'S TREASURY TO BANKROLL US?



REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BREEZIE IS A CRIMINAL KINGPIN OR A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS WOMAN, I *DID* OFFER TO BUY THE EMERALD OFF HER. SHE WOULDN'T SELL IT.



IT'S ALL FOR A *VERY* GOOD CAUSE...



DADDY IS... PRAGMATIC. *≡ AHEM ≡*

ANYWAY! THE TOURNAMENT STARTS TOMORROW. GOOD LUCK, TEAM MEMBERS.



BREEZIE ADVERTISED THIS EVENT *EVERYWHERE*. WE MAY BE PLAYING IT STRAIGHT, BUT WHAT'S STOPPING DR. EGGMAN FROM INVADING CASINO PARK?

BREEZIE!

I'LL INVADE EVERY ONE OF YOUR PRECIOUS CASINOS! I'LL CARPET BOMB EVERY PROPERTY YOU OWN! I'LL LAUNCH A MISSILE AT EVERY MEDIA SATELLITE YOU HAVE!

NO--TEN MISSILES!!!

DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK NOT A "PEOPLE PERSON"

EGGMAN FOR YOU ON LINE ONE. ALSO, SCRATCH SAYS HE NEEDS YOU TO LOOK AT SOMETHING.

CASINO PARK ZONE, EMPIRE CITY...

≧SIGH≦ THANK YOU, COCONUTS. BRING THE LIMO AROUND.

HELLO? DON'T YOU DARE IGNORE ME!

HELLO, DOCTOR. YOU WERE SAYING--?

I WAS THREATENING! YOU WILL GIVE ME THE EMERALD, OR I'LL--!

YOU'LL DO JACK SQUAT. YOUR FORCES ARE SPREAD THIN CONTAINING THE GLOBAL CRISIS, AND ANYTHING YOU COULD SCRAPE TOGETHER WOULDN'T MAKE IT PAST MY DEFENSES.

AND BESIDES, YOU'RE LIKE ME! YOU LOVE YOUR CREATIONS! YOU HATE TO SEE ROBOT-ON-ROBOT VIOLENCE.

YOU WANT TO TALK ROBOTS? GIVE ME THE EMERALD, OR I WON'T OFFLOAD ANY MORE OF MY OLD BADNIK STOCK ON YOU!

I RESCUE THOSE POOR ROBOTS. YOU'D LOSE OUT ON ONE OF YOUR MOST LUCRATIVE EXPORTS.

GRRR... FINE!
I'LL BE GENEROUS.
HOW MUCH DO YOU
WANT FOR IT?

HA HA HA!
YOU DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH!

WHAT?!

PANEM
ET CIRCENSES,
DOCTOR.

THE WORLD IS IN RUINS, AND
ITS PEOPLE ARE MISERABLE.
I WILL GIVE THEM A SHOW LIKE
NO OTHER, AND THEY WILL PAY
OUT THE NOSE FOR THE
DISTRACTION.

YOU CAN'T HARM ME, THREATEN
ME OR BUY ME. I LEARNED A
LOT FROM YOU, IVO, BUT I'VE
LONG SINCE GRADUATED FROM
YOUR SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS.

YOU CAN'T
TALK TO ME THAT
WAY, YOU--!

SOMETHING
NEEDED MY
ATTENTION?

YES,
MA'AM!



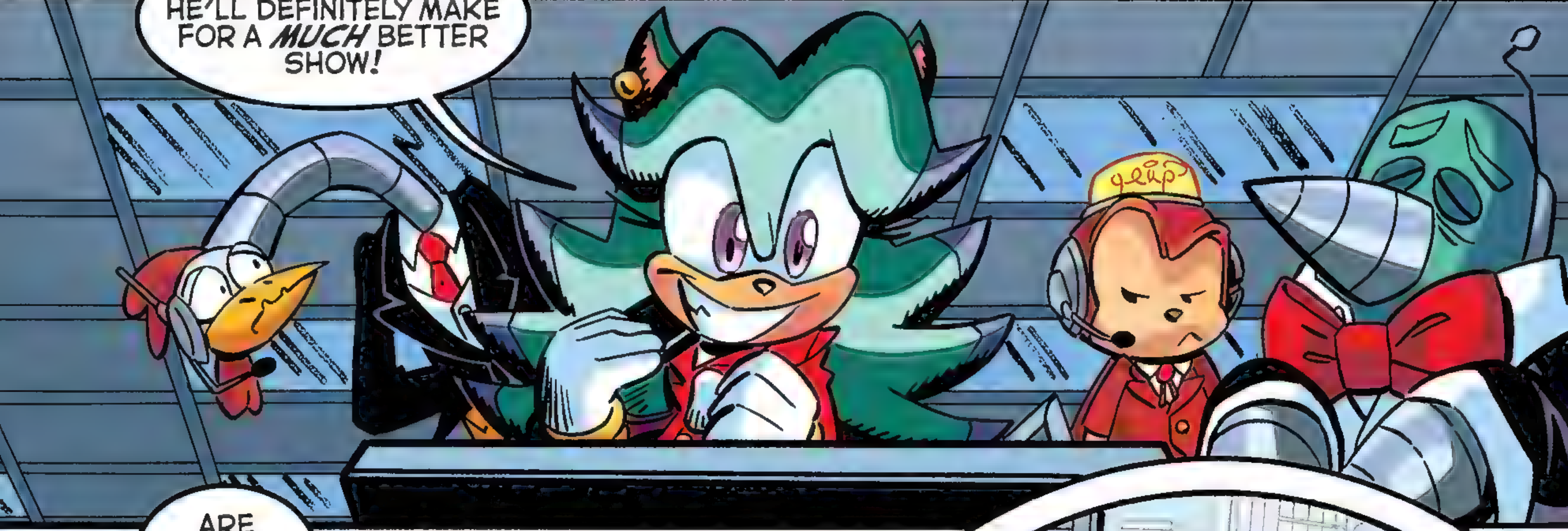
SOMEBODY MESS-
ED WITH THE ROSTER FOR
THE TOURNAMENT.
SWAPPED OUT ONE CON-
TENDER FOR SOMEBODY
NEW.

SO? YOU
CAUGHT IT.
CHANGE IT
BACK.

I THOUGHT
YOU'D WANT TO
SEE WHO WAS
ADDED FIRST.



OH. OH! NEVER MIND!
HE'LL DEFINITELY MAKE
FOR A *MUCH* BETTER
SHOW!



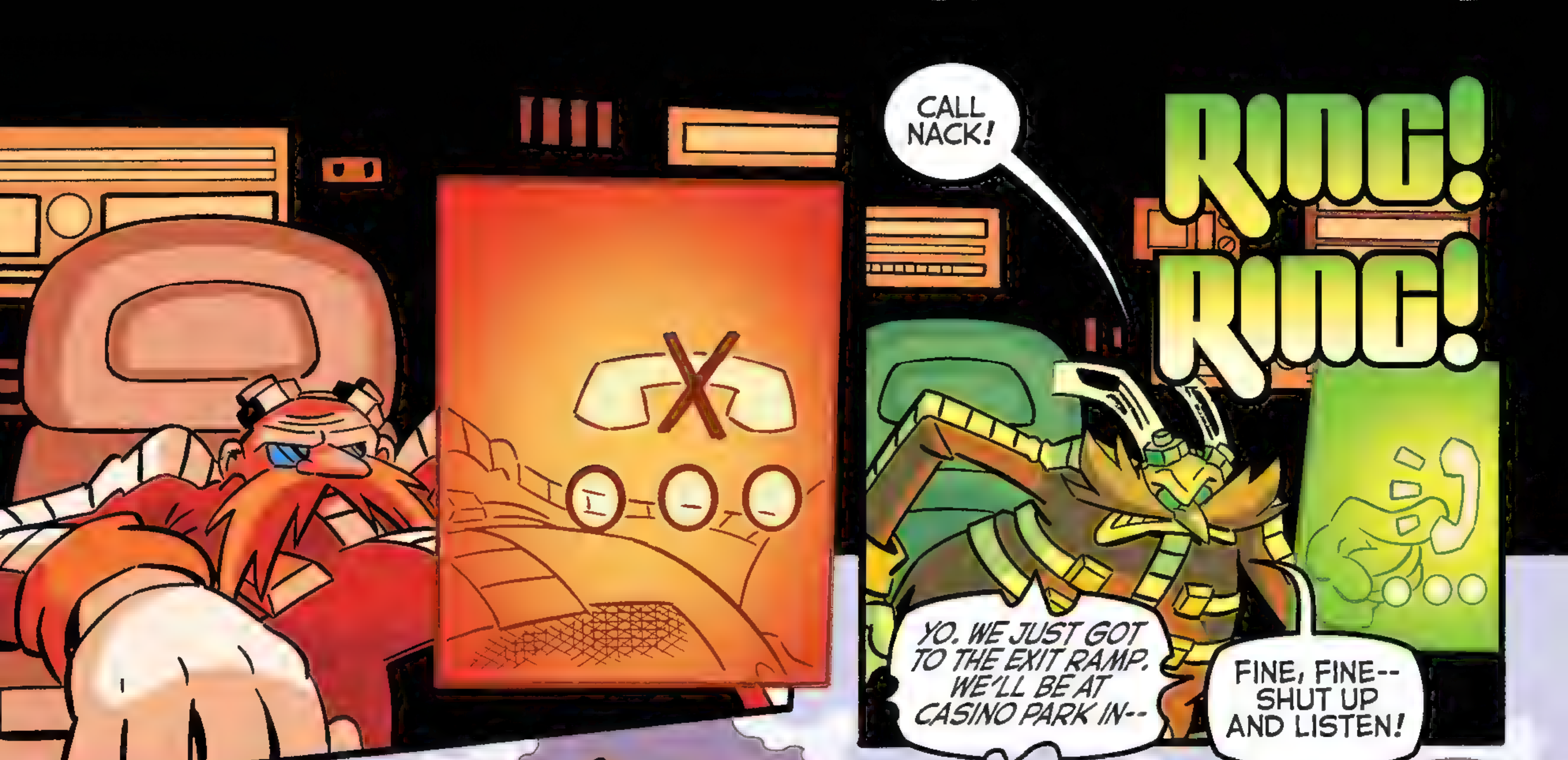
ARE
YOU STILL
THERE?

--COMMAND THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE!
AN EMPIRE!
YOU CAN'T--!

I HAVE
WORK
TO DO.
BUH-
BYE.



boop!



CALL NACK!

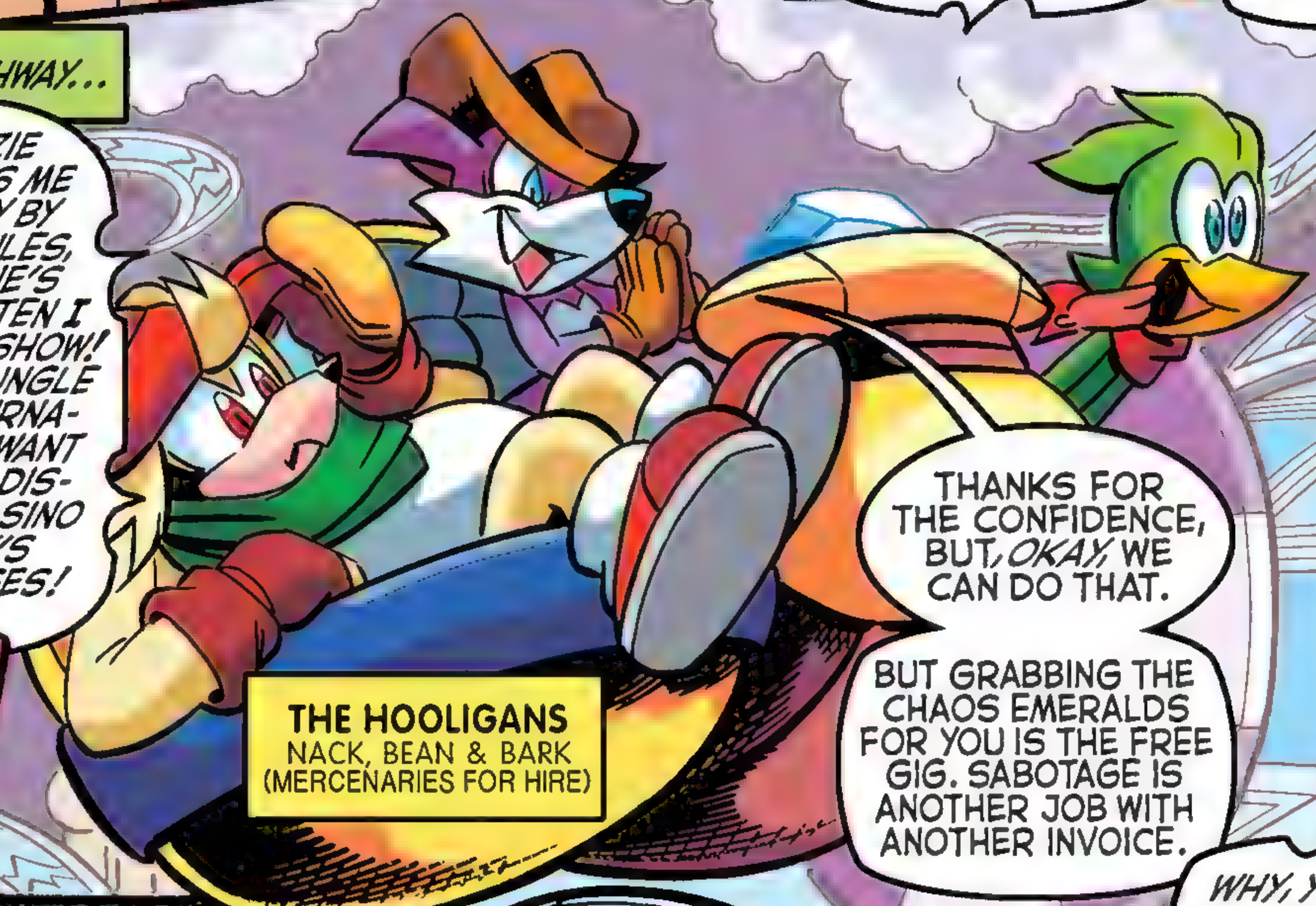
RING!
RING!

YO, WE JUST GOT TO THE EXIT RAMP. WE'LL BE AT CASINO PARK IN--

FINE, FINE-- SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

BINGO HIGHWAY...

BREEZIE EXPECTS ME TO PLAY BY HER RULES, BUT SHE'S FORGOTTEN I RUN THE SHOW! IF YOU BUNGLE THE TOURNAMENT, I WANT YOU TO DISABLE CASINO PARK'S DEFENSES!



THE HOOLIGANS
NACK, BEAN & BARK
(MERCENARIES FOR HIRE)

THANKS FOR THE CONFIDENCE, BUT, OKAY, WE CAN DO THAT.

BUT GRABBING THE CHAOS EMERALDS FOR YOU IS THE FREE GIG. SABOTAGE IS ANOTHER JOB WITH ANOTHER INVOICE.

WHY, YOU MONEY-GRUBBING... SO BE IT! BUT DO NOT FAIL ME AGAIN!

I HATE DEALING WITH PEOPLE. GIVE ME A GOOD ROBOT ANY DAY...

RING!
RING!

"WHAT'S KEEPING HIM?!"

APOTOS, SOUTHERN EURISH...

COME ON, METAL SONIC! PICK UP!



METAL SONIC
EVIL ROBOT
DOUBLE



**RING!
RING!**

P-PLEASE!
I-I D-DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOU
W-WANT! I'M J-
JUST AN OLD MAN!
I-I-I DON'T--!

D-DO
YOU NEED
TO GET
THAT?

**RING!
RING!**

I HAVE FOUND
A TARGET OF
INTEREST CON-
CERNING THE
GAIA TEMPLES.
I AM...

NEVER MIND THAT!
I'M SENDING YOU
COORDINATES.
GET OVER THERE
--ON THE DOUBLE!

THIS IS A
PROBLEM
...I MUST
BREAK
TRADITION
AND WARN
THE
OTHERS.

BOOSH!

Casino Park

THERE THEY ARE! THE STARS OF THE SHOW!

NOT ONE SCRATCH! I JUST BUILT IT!

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, BREEZIE. SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE DOING WELL FOR YOURSELF.

YOU AS WELL, MISTER WORLD-WIDE HERO.

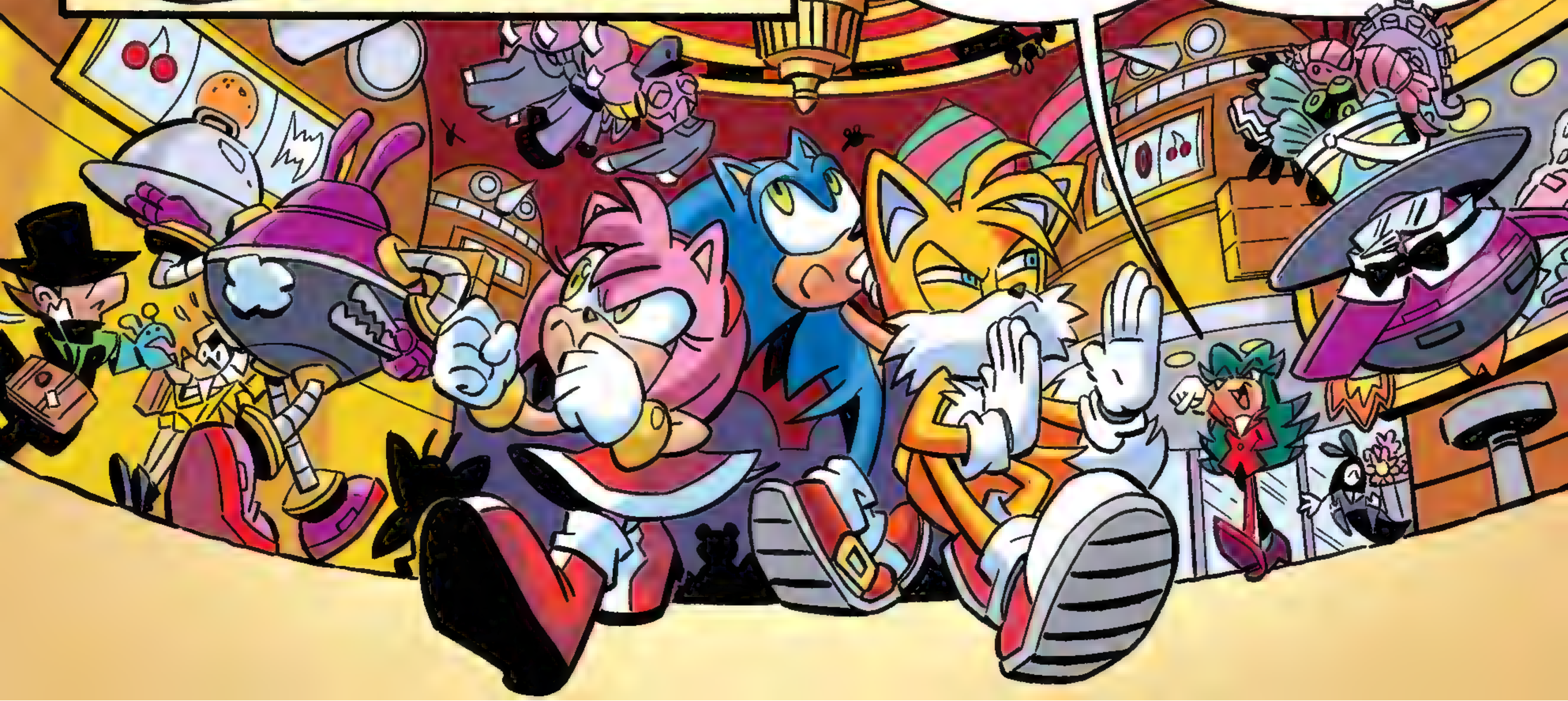
UM... DIDN'T SHE TRY TO GET YOU AND TAILS KILLED?!

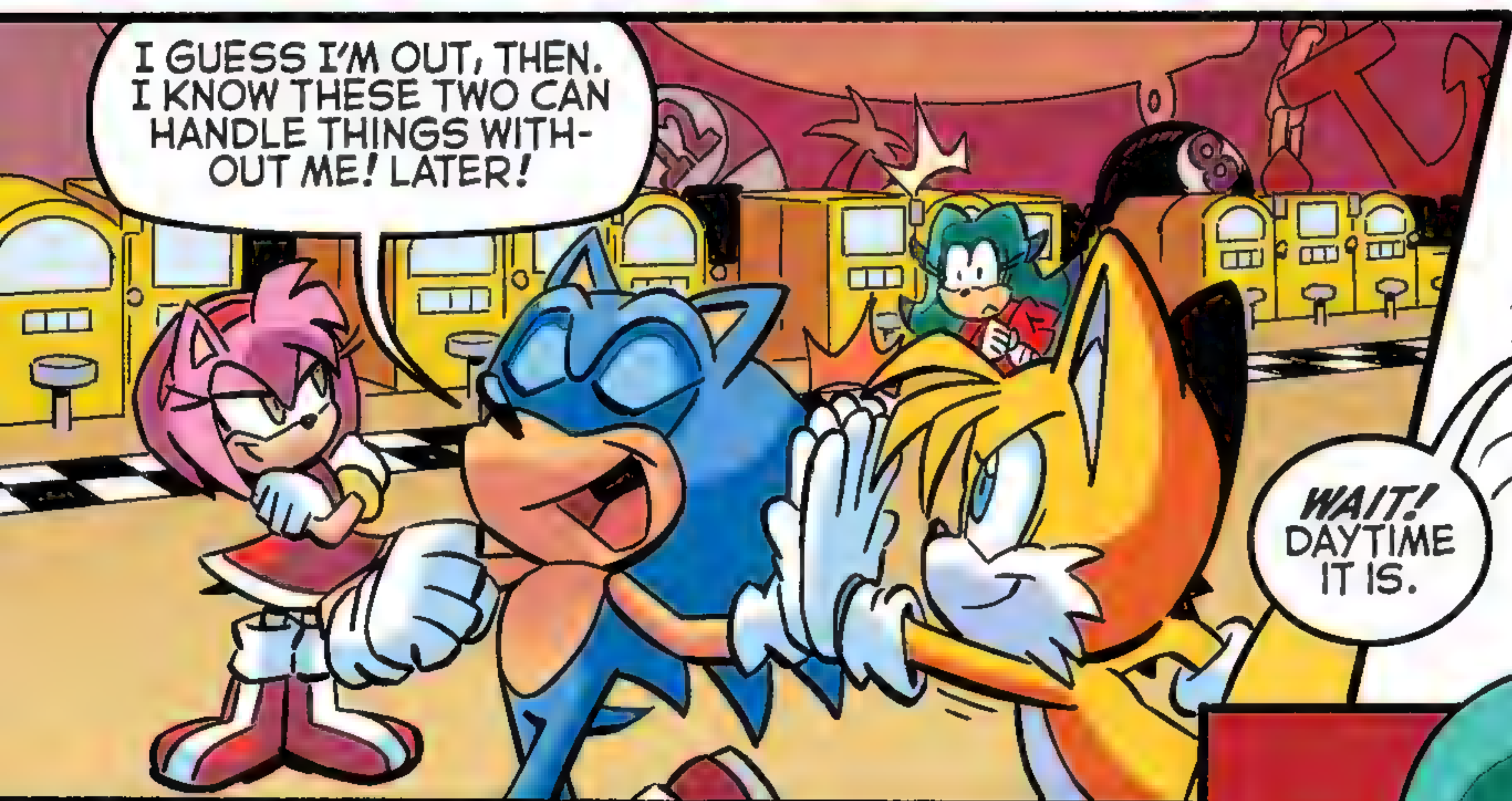
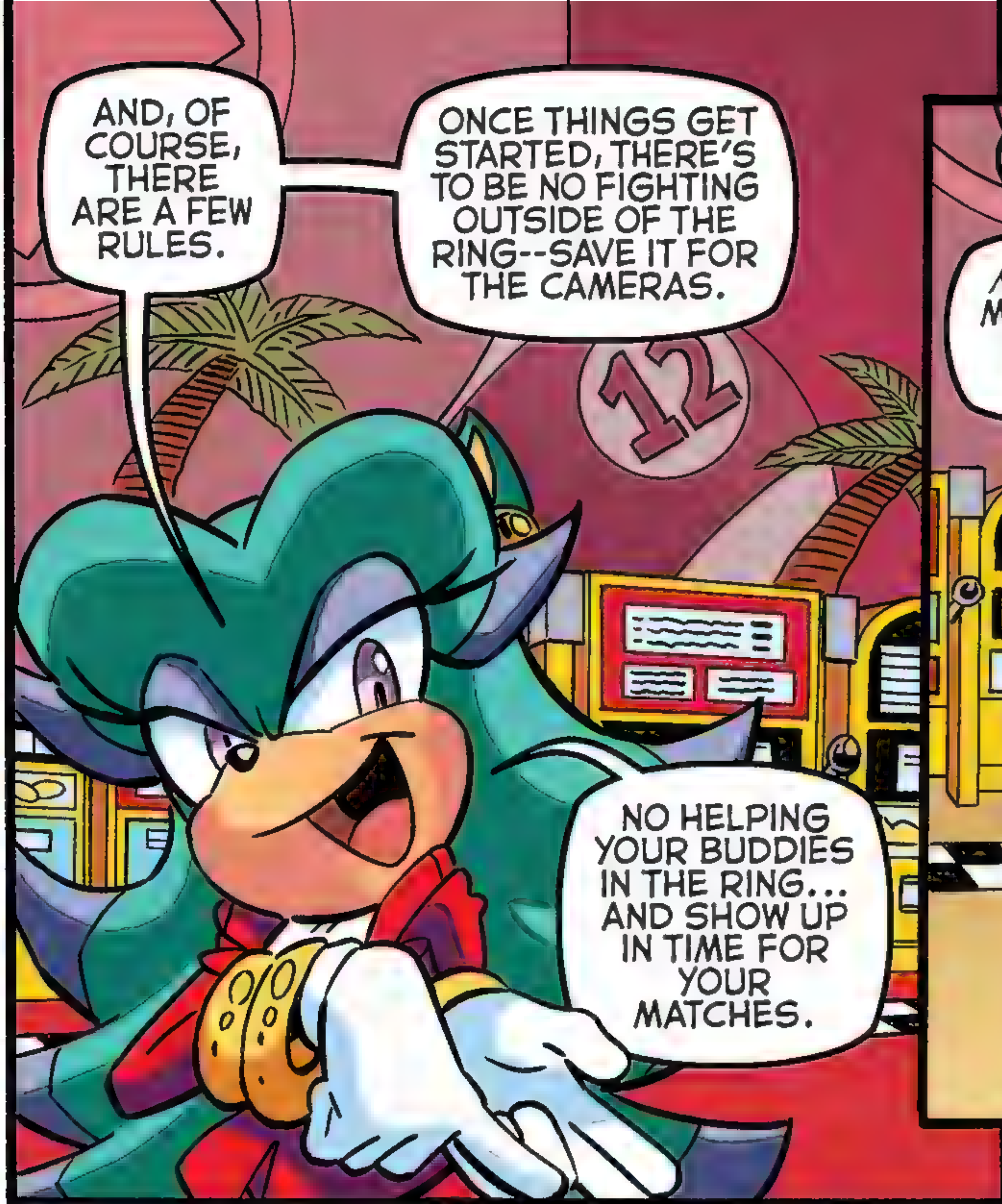
YEAH, BUT SHE'S A CLASSY LADY. FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, RIGHT?

"FIGHT"? YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT HELP! PAID PROGRAMMING ORDERS HAVE *TRIPLED* SINCE IT WAS ANNOUNCED YOU THREE WILL BE CONTENDING!

YOU HAVE FULL ACCESS TO ALL FACILITIES, UNLIMITED TRIPS TO THE BUFFET AND SO ON.

THERE'S A STACK OF CHIPS WAITING FOR EACH OF YOU AT THE COUNTER-- ON THE HOUSE!



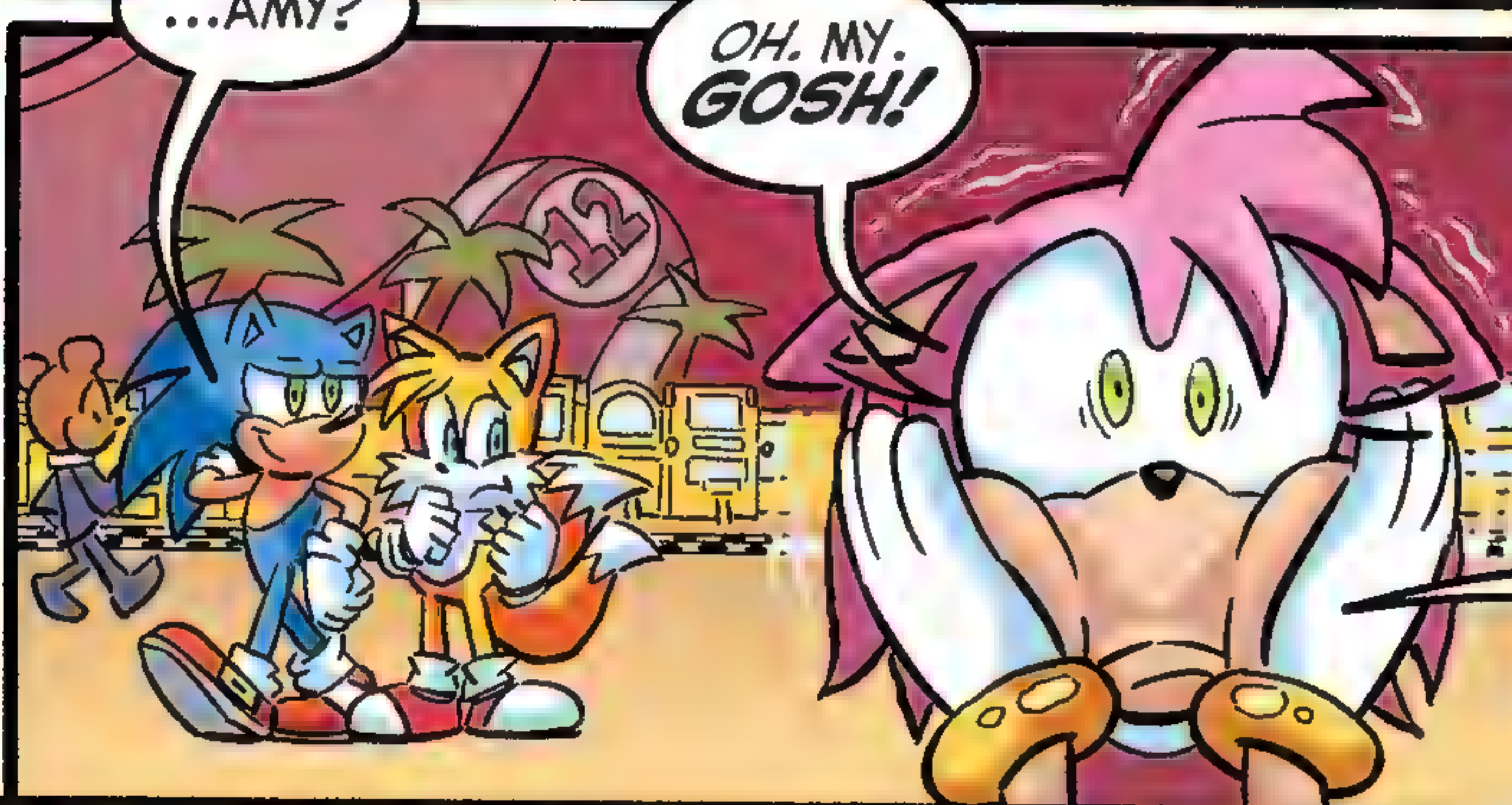




HAHA--WOW! IF LOOKS COULD KILL...

SERIOUSLY. I'D FEEL BAD IF SHE WEREN'T PROFITING FROM A WORLD CATASTROPHE.

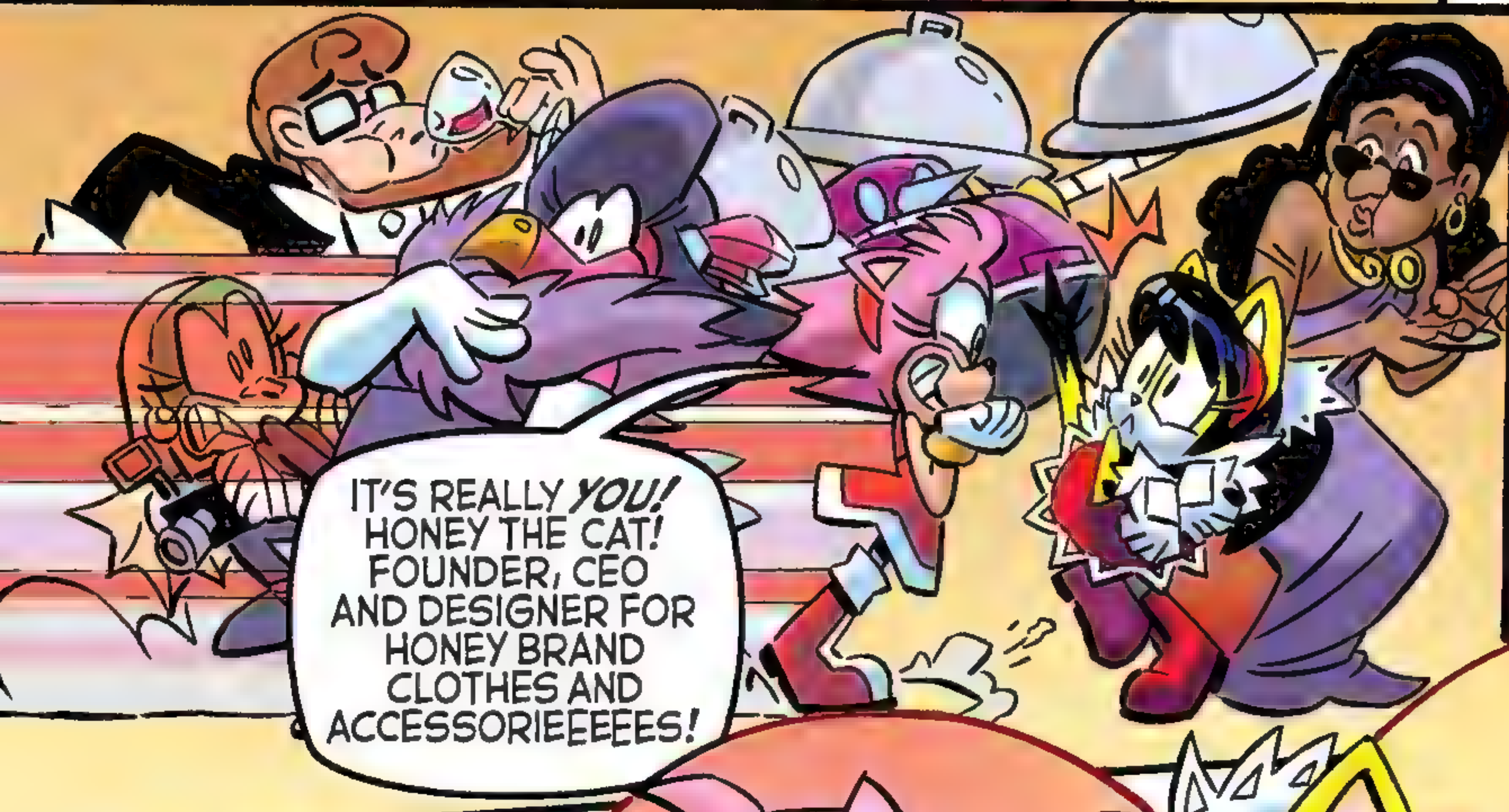
THANKS FOR MAKING SURE SHE DIDN'T KNIFE ME IN THE BACK, AMY.



...AMY?

OH. MY. GOSH!

SHE'S HERE!



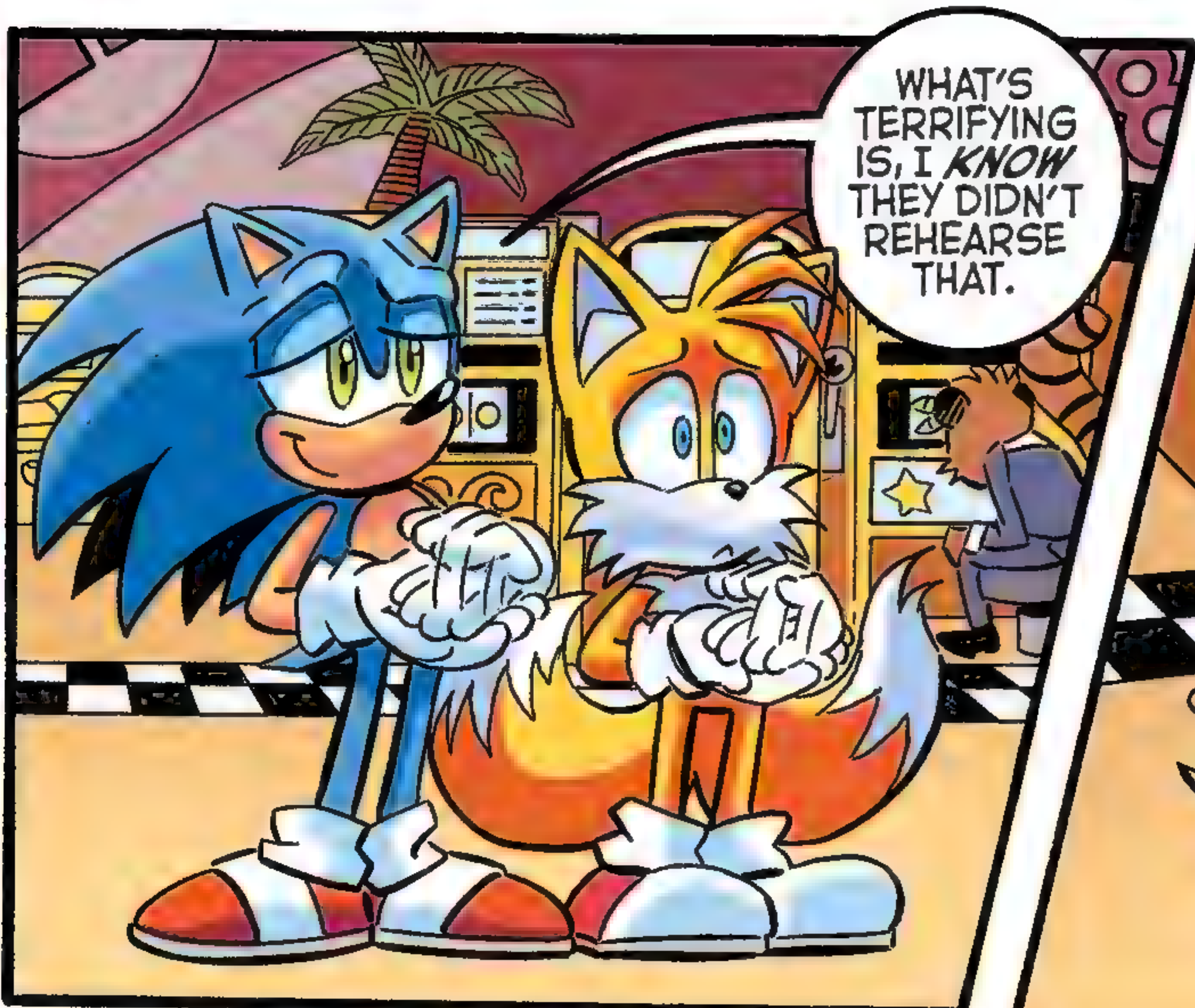
IT'S REALLY YOU! HONEY THE CAT! FOUNDER, CEO AND DESIGNER FOR HONEY BRAND CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIEEEES!

I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE AMY ROSE! FREEDOM FIGHTER! WORLD TRAVELER AND HERO!

=GASP= I GOTTA TELL YOU, I LOVE YOUR STUFF--



"--BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T LOOK SWEET, YOU'RE NOT WEARING HONEY!"



WHAT'S TERRIFYING IS, I *KNOW* THEY DIDN'T REHEARSE THAT.



HMM...THIS OUTFIT IS FROM MY OLD "DREAM-CASTERS" LINE.

HAHA--YEP! I LOVE IT! I PRACTICALLY WEAR NOTHING ELSE!



TELL YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING--I'M RE-LAUNCHING IT AS THE "ROSE COLLECTION." YOU *WILL* MODEL AND BE MY SPOKESWOMAN, OF COURSE.

EEE!
YES!

AND TO HELP SALES...DON'T YOU KNOW A PRINCESS?

I KNOW TWO!



SO--WHAT BRINGS A FASHION DIVA TO A FIGHTING TOURNAMENT?



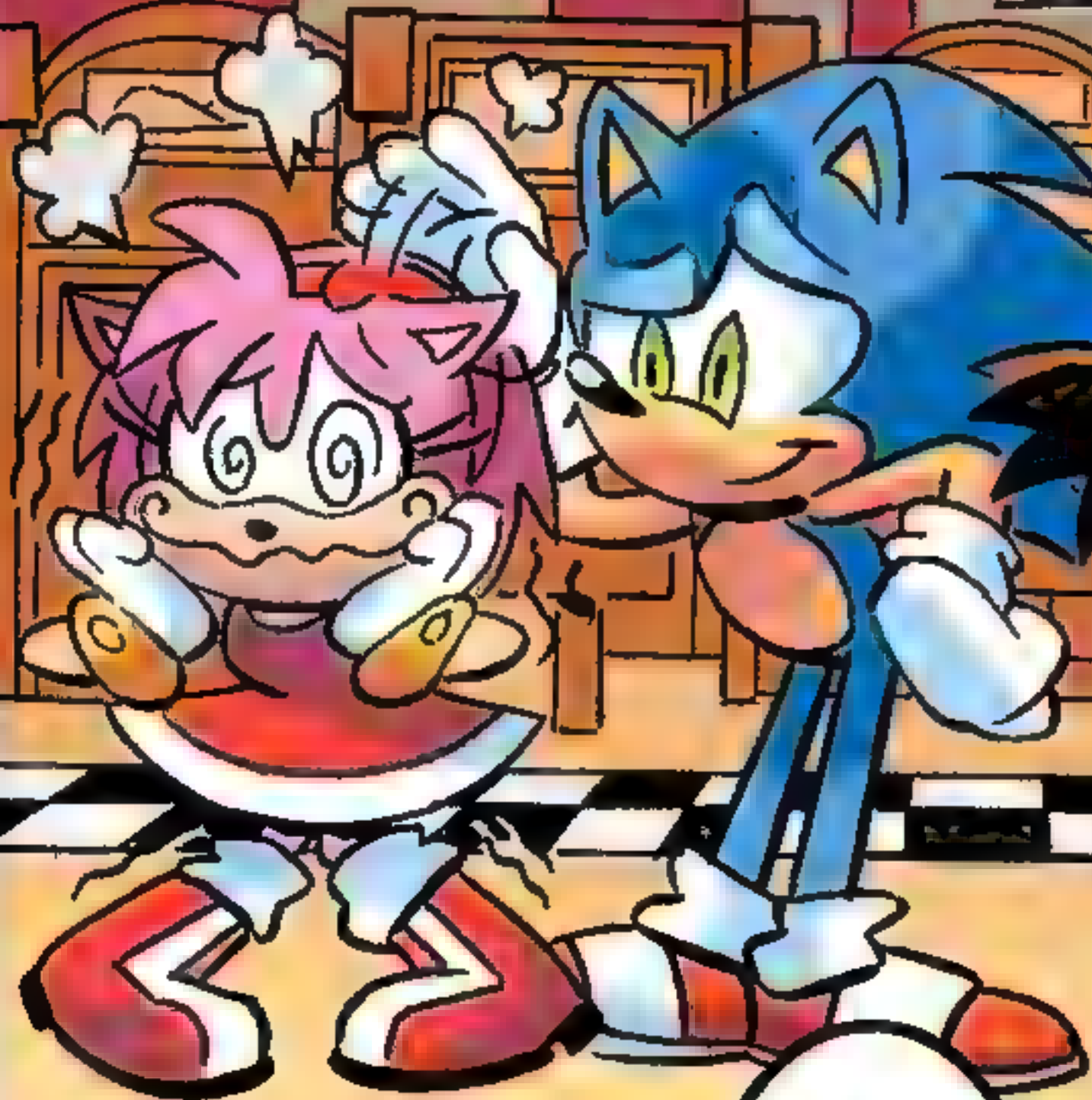
I'M COMPETING!

REALLY?

YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT! I'M ALL ABOUT SELF-PROMOTION, AND THE EVENTS DON'T GET ANY BIGGER THAN THIS!

WHAT ABOUT YOU THREE? AREN'T YOU HIGH-PROFILE ENOUGH ALREADY?

WE'VE COME TO WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD. IT'S A CRUCIAL PART OF OUR PLAN TO SAVE THE WORLD!



IS THAT A FACT?

LIKE I SAID, I'M JUST HERE TO ADVERTISE. IF I WIN, I'LL HAND THE GEM OVER TO YOU GUYS.

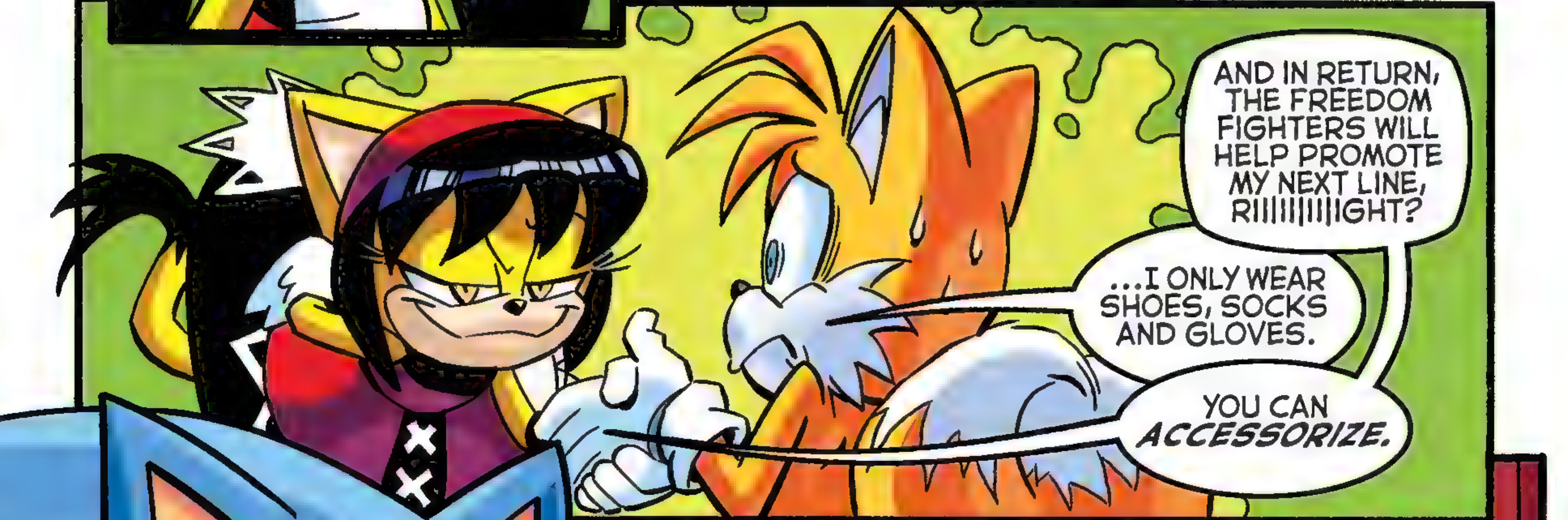
REALLY?! THANK YOU SO MUCH!



AND IN RETURN, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL HELP PROMOTE MY NEXT LINE, RIUUUUUUIGHT?

...I ONLY WEAR SHOES, SOCKS AND GLOVES.

YOU CAN ACCESSORIZE.



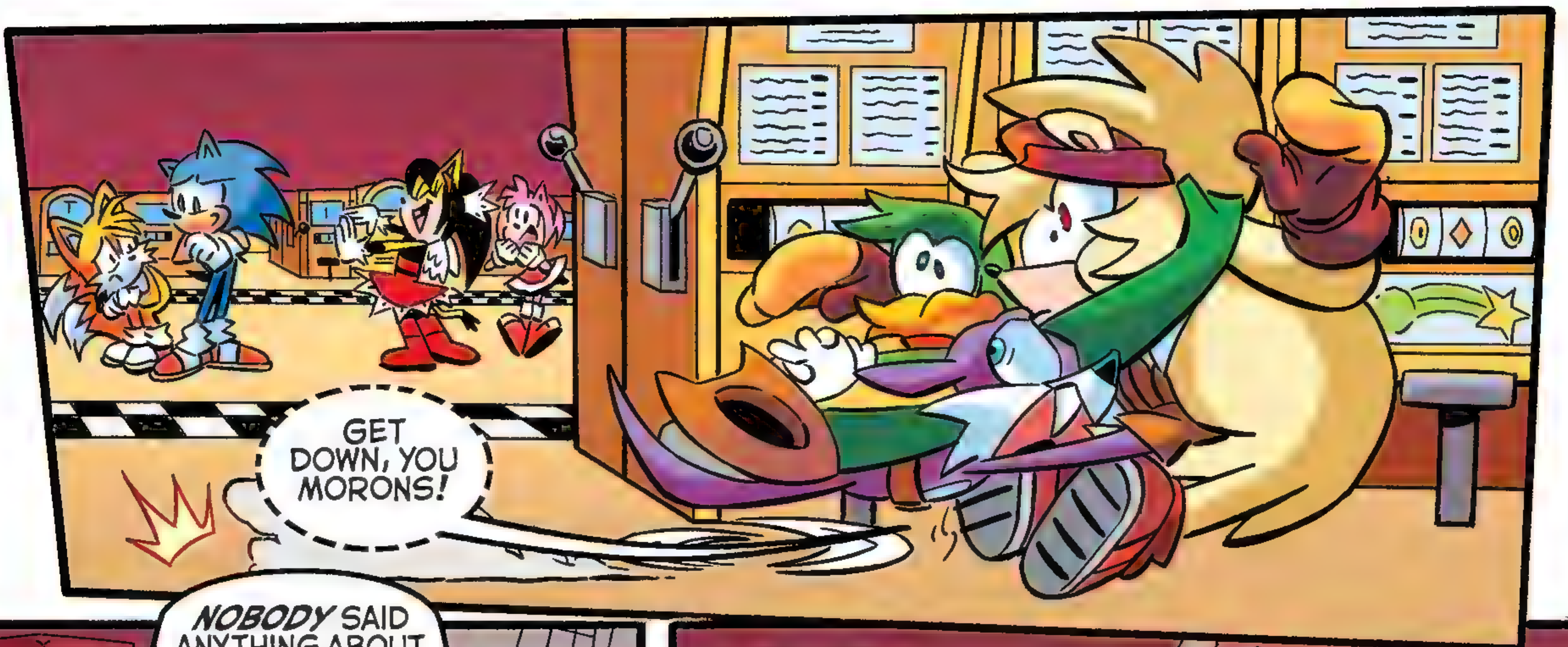
OHMYGOSH, CREAM WOULD LOOK SO CUTE IN YOUR KIDS' CLOTHING!

OH, BOY. IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE ON OUR SIDE, AT LEAST...

...SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE WE'RE FACING YET.

SHINY... OVERLOAD...





GET DOWN, YOU MORONS!

NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT FIGHTING THOSE THREE! RUNNING INTO KNUCKLES AND THE CHAOTIX WAS JUST BAD LUCK, * BUT THIS...!

MAYBE THEY'RE JUST HERE TO PLAY POKER?

*"THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER" SU#63-66.

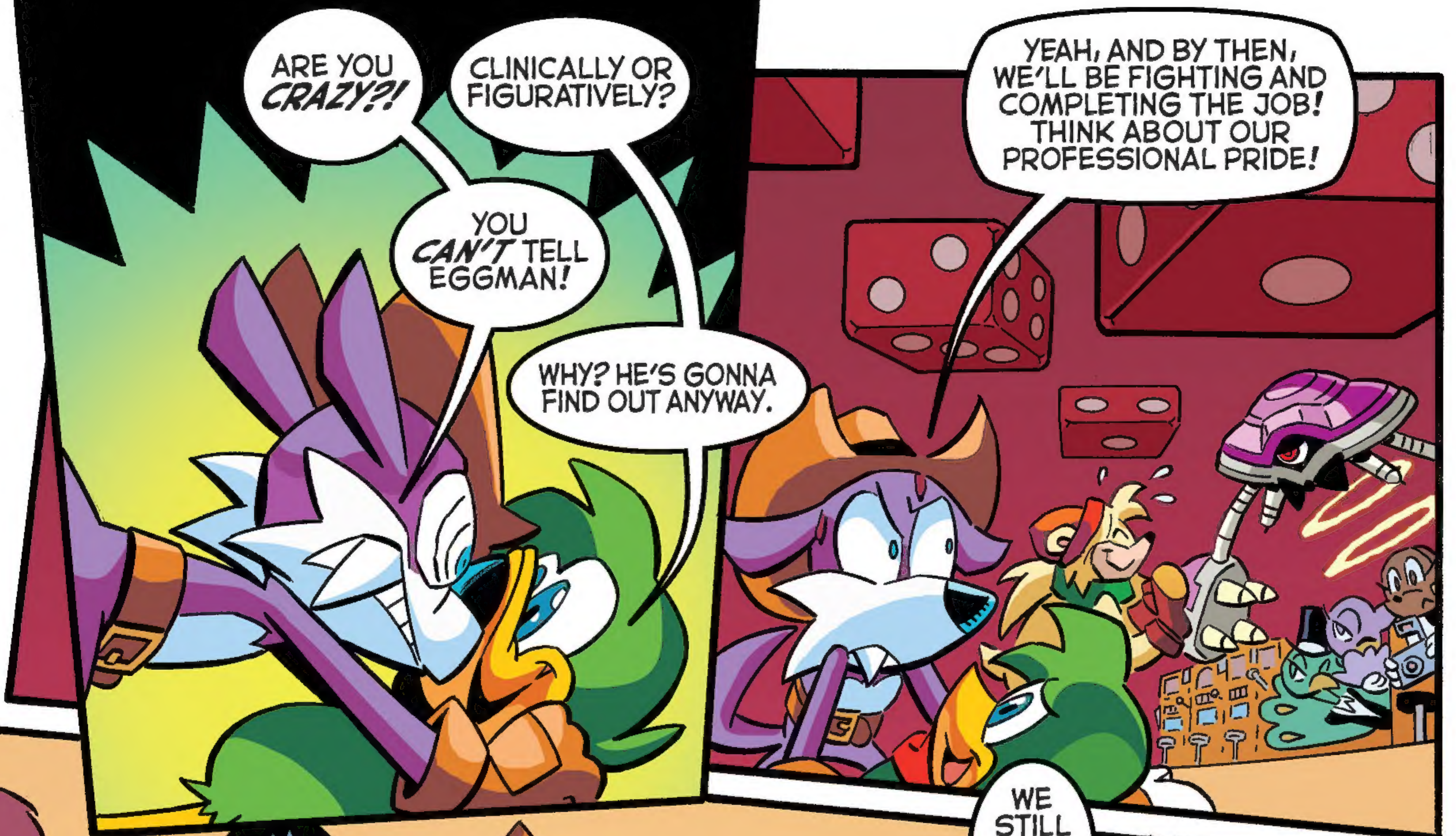


THE ONLY THING THEY DO IS FIGHT EGGMAN AND SAVE PEOPLE. FOR FREE. THEY'RE HERE FOR THE EMERALD.

OH, WELL. I BET TAILS COUNTS CARDS, ANYWAY.



BETTER CALL BALDY MCNOSEHAIR AND TELL HIM WE'RE MOVING STRAIGHT TO PLAN B!



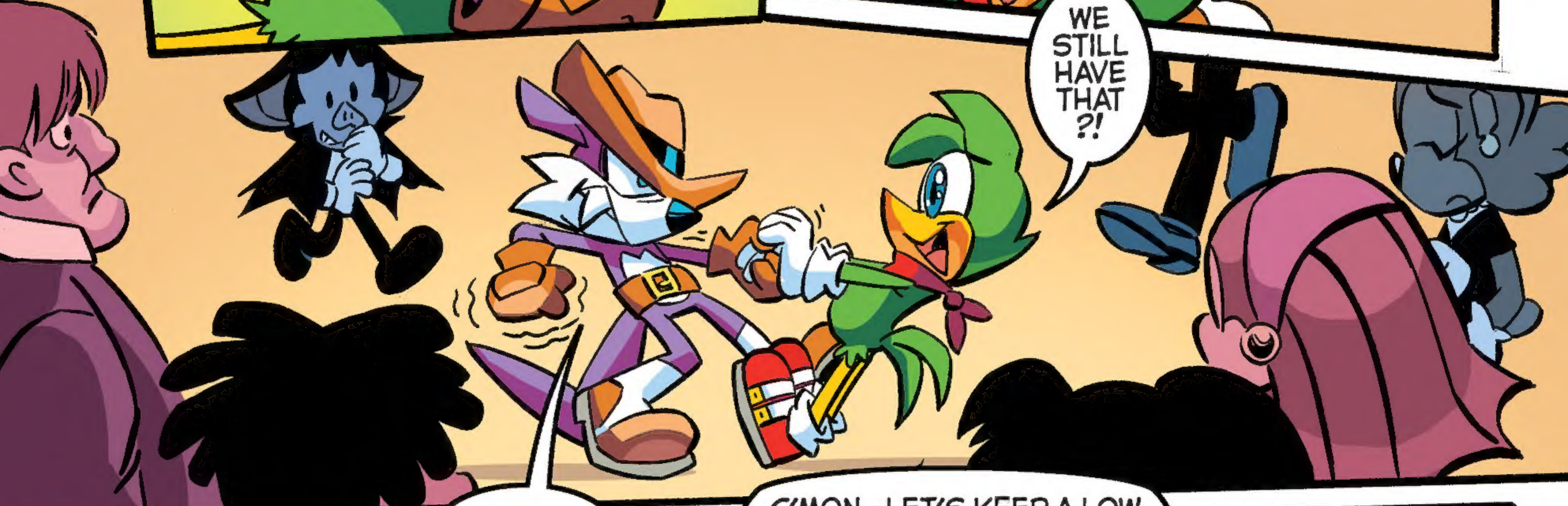
ARE YOU **CRAZY?!**

CLINICALLY OR FIGURATIVELY?

YOU **CAN'T TELL** EGGMAN!

WHY? HE'S GONNA FIND OUT ANYWAY.

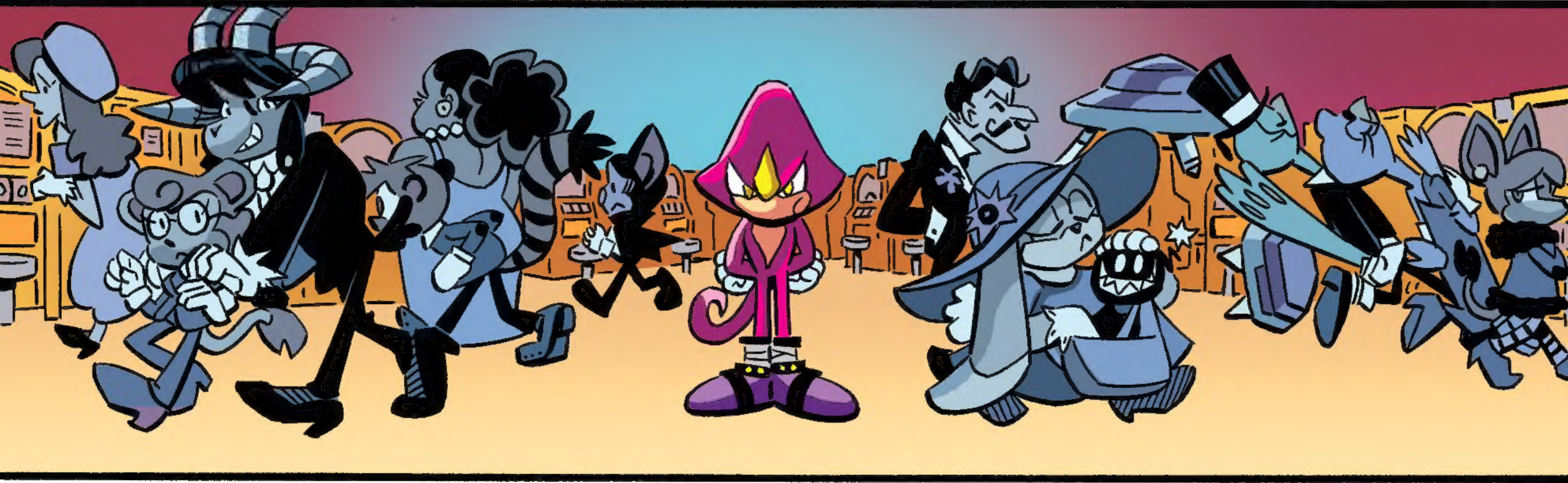
YEAH, AND BY THEN, WE'LL BE FIGHTING AND COMPLETING THE JOB! THINK ABOUT OUR PROFESSIONAL PRIDE!



WE STILL HAVE THAT?!

SHUT UP.

C'MON--LET'S KEEP A LOW PROFILE UNTIL THE FIGHTS. MAYBE WE CAN TAKE ONE OF THEM BY SURPRISE.



SOON...

VECTOR, IT'S ME. I'M MAKING MY FIRST REPORT. I MUST BE BRIEF-- I HAVE ONLY ENOUGH CHANGE FOR ONE MINUTE.

WHAT?! I SENT YOU THERE WITH FIVE BUCKS IN QUARTERS!

...THE SLOTS HERE ARE RIGGED, I'M SURE OF IT...

ESPIO
CHAOTIX
NINJA

OY. FINE. WHAT'S YOUR REPORT?

BUT SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW THEY'D ARRIVE, I MANAGED TO SNEAK ONE MORE FRIENDLY FACE ONTO THE ROSTER...

BOTH THE HOOLIGANS AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE ENTERED THE TOURNAMENT. I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP THE LATTER.

I DON'T THINK I'D EVER GET TIRED OF THIS PLACE!

ALL THE LIGHTS!
ALL THE SOUNDS!

ALL THE SMELLS! THE SIGN SAID "ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET!" DO THEY REALLY MEAN IT?!



I'M SORRY...
HERE I AM GOING
ON AND ON,
WHEN I SHOULD
BE HELPING YOU
LOOK FOR THE
MASTER EMERALD
SHARDS...

DON'T SWEAT IT.
LEAVE THE TREASURE
HUNTING TO ME.

I CAN SENSE THE
CHAOS ENERGY--
THERE'S GOTTA BE
A SHARD HERE!

CHIP
(SUPPOSEDLY)
POWERFUL
SPIRIT

KNUCKLES
SONIC'S
LONGTIME
RIVAL

THE **FIGHTERS** HAVE **ASSEMBLED!**
THE **STAKES** ARE **SET!**
ROUND ONE BEGINS **NEXT TIME!**

UNTIL THEN, THERE'S **MORE SONIC ACTION** IN
SONIC UNIVERSE AND **SONIC BOOM!**
AND DON'T MISS OUT ON **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE,**
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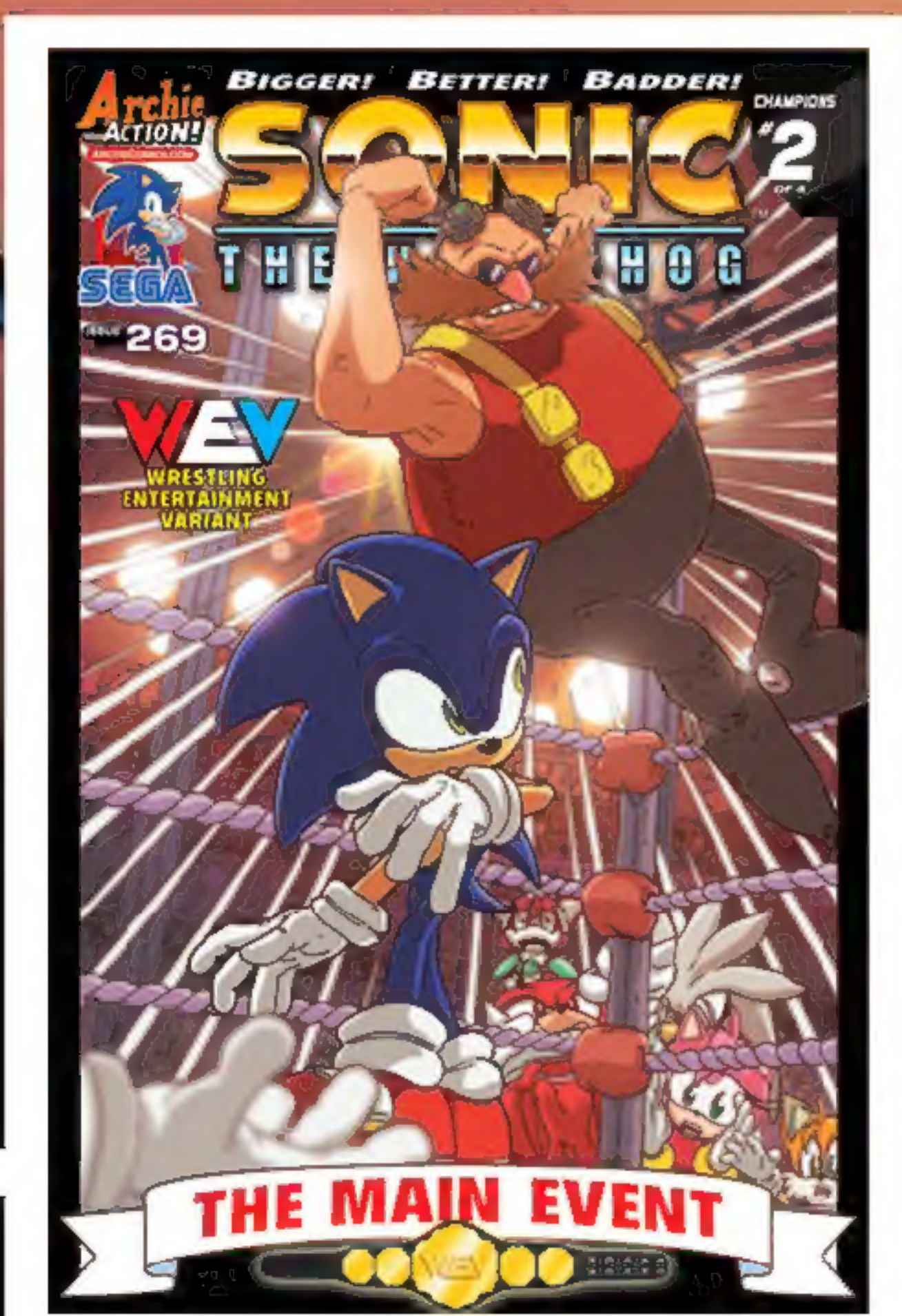
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WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT
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